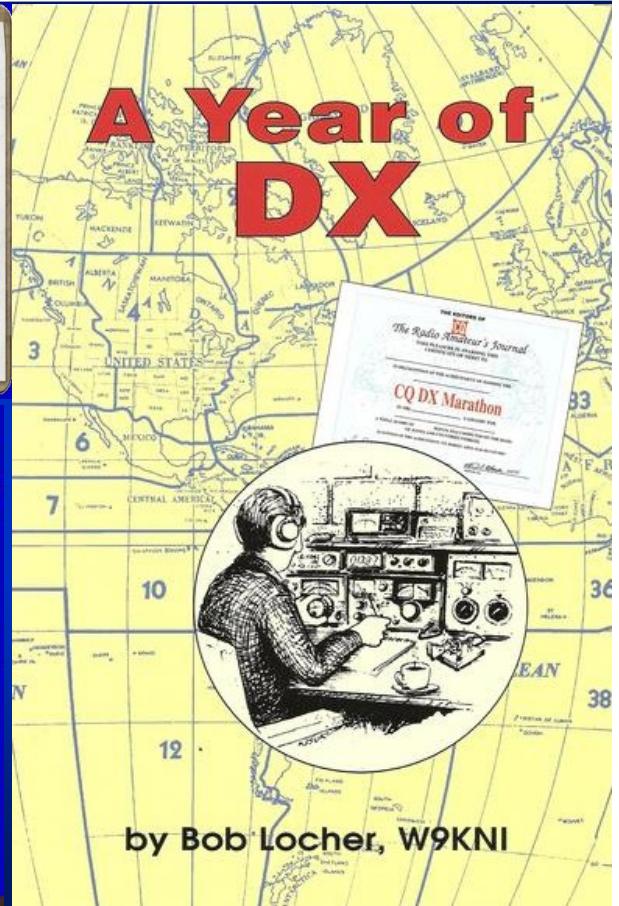




San Diego DX Club

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December 2011



NO MEETING IN NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER

REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE RESUMES IN JANUARY 2012

**December Holiday Party and Hall of Fame
Induction Ceremony**

The San Diego DX Club Holiday Party will be held on Sunday December 4TH at 1:00 P.M. at the W6YI super-station located at 10250 Paso de Flora, Escondido, CA

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A Word from the Prez . . .

John Barcroft, K6AM



A big thanks to Jim, W6YI for opening his home for the SDDXC Christmas party. If you've never been there, he has one of the top stations in the world that has won first place USA in both phone and CW Sweepstakes each of the last four years among many other top finishes. Entrees and beverages will be catered, but feel free to bring your favorite side dish, salad or dessert. Don't forget our special ceremony to induct Harry, W6YOO into the Hall of Fame, and we'll be playing "What's My Call" and exchanging \$10 - \$20 gifts again this year.

Admission is free to all members and their families, but we will be asking for donations to help with the food and drinks if you can. There's plenty of parking in the horse arena. For those with another party scheduled on Sunday December 4th, **ours will be better**. CU at 1:00 P.M.

Remember – NO MEETING AT THE SIZZLER IN NOV OR DEC.

The bands continue to be red hot. Our CQWW SSB M/S team at W6YI went in hoping for maybe 2,500 QSO's and something close to the record. We came out with 3,500 Q's and almost one and a half times the old W6/W7 record. Members continue jacking up their 10 and 12 meter totals. I even heard SV2ASP/a working lots of W6's on 10 m for the first time ever. Don't miss this chance of a lifetime.

For now, it's off again to my annual sojourn to ZF1A for the CQWW CW. Keep an ear out for us on all bands.

73, John

The San Diego DX Club (SDDXC) is among the best known and most highly respected DX clubs in the United States. Since its founding in 1946, SDDXC members have been on both sides of the pile-ups with DXpeditions and a fair share have achieved "Top of the Honor Roll" status. If you're interested in chasing DX, contesting, exchanging stories or just rubbing elbows with fellow "Big Guns" or "Little Pistols", you'll feel right at home at one of our club meetings. Join us at our next meeting. Visitors are particularly welcome!

Treasurers Report

Ellen, N6UWW



Treasurers Report

Bank Balance as of October 1, 2011 **\$3,370.02**
Total club funds **\$3,370.02**

It's not too early to start thinking about renewing your dues. Yes, it's getting to be that time of year again. Time to pay your dues. Many thanks to WN6K & W6NOW who have both submitted their 2012 dues payment already!

Dues are \$20 a year, due by December 31st and delinquent Jan 31st. Please consider paying your dues NOW! Checks made payable to SDDXC in the amount of \$20 can be mailed to:

SDDXC
 c/o Ellen Utschig N6UWW
 2104 Poplar Rd
 Oceanside, CA 92058-2332

San Diego DX Club Meeting Minutes

The San Diego DX Club held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 26, 2011 at the Sizzler Restaurant, Aero Drive at Murphy Canyon Road.

Our president John, K6AM, called the meeting to order at 6:30. There were 33 in attendance.

John sang "There's No Business like No Business" and proceeded directly to the bragging portion of the meeting. Many of the members had stories of fabulous DX discoveries to tell.

The top 20 for CW placed W6YA on top with 340.

John, WA6L gave an inspiring talk on Club Log that prompted many members to get with that program.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56. Thanks to Leon, N6VS for coming out of retirement to take notes in Ellen's absence.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen, N6UWW

The SDDXC (Expanded) Top 10

John, K6AM



CURRENT COUNTRIES CONFIRMED ON CW

11/11	11/10	CALL	C-D	CFM	WKD	CHG
1.	1.	W6YA	340	378	379	+1
2.	2.	K6AM	339	347	348	+3
3.	6.	K9RHY	338	348	348	+6
4.	5.	N7CW	336	336	337	+3
5.	-.	N0RR	334	347	347	NEW
6.	3.	N6CW	333	358	359	-
7.	7.	N6ND	333	343	350	+2
8.	8.	K6ZH	331	338	338	-
9.	10.	W6YOO	331	336	337	+3
10.	9.	NN6K	328	328	333	-
11.	13.	K0XB	323	331	334	+5
12.	12	K6XT	320	329	329	-
13.	-.	K6KT	306	333	338	NEW
14.	16.	W6YI	306	311	323	+11
15.	17.	WN6K	295	304	324	+10
16.	18.	N6VS	270	272	275	+1
17.	20.	N6MUF	238	240	246	+5
18.	-.	AD6ZJ	225	227	242	NEW
19.	-.	NG6Z	206	208	247	NEW
20.	-.	WB6BFG	192	194	230	NEW

We've expanded the CW top 10 to include the top 20 players. Almost everyone jumps up or down as those PJ cards finally roll in. Ron, N0RR hits the list runnin' at number 5, while four other newcomers make their debut as well. Biggest position jumps are Bob, K9RHY, and Ben, N6MUF with plus 3 each, while Jim, W6YI has the most new ones. Since no one in the US has ever worked P5 on CW, the number to hit now stands at 340 with the addition of ST0.

Bill Taylor, K6TQ passed away last month, but left a very distinguished DX record. Here are Bill's final totals of countries worked as they appear in the Top 10 archives:

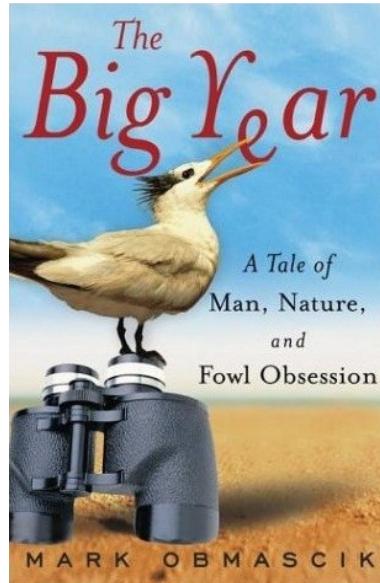
MIXED	CW	SAT	160	80	40	30	20	17	15	12	10	6	2	TOTAL
341	339	27	195	250	317	316	332	306	302	279	275	59	2	2633

Each month, we will publish a top ten list for one of the lesser-recognized but hard won categories. Coming up next, 10/40M and 80/20M. Please send me your totals for each band and mode throughout the year and you will be listed in coming months. Use the convenient form at <http://www.sddxc.org> or bring 'em to the meeting.

John, K6AM

What Do these Hobbies Have in Common?

Bob Farkaly, K9RHY



The inspiration for this month's cover came from an NPR story on a new comedy titled "The Big Year" starring Jack Black, Steve Martin and Owen Wilson. Based on a book by Mark Obmascik (the book has the same name as the movie) it tells the story of how three nerdy birders crisscrossed North America from the Aleutians to the Everglades in an attempt to see the most bird species in a single year (1998). The film takes a look at the seriously-competitive world of "birding", in which obsessed birders think nothing about dropping everything (and spending thousands) for the chance to spy a rare bird. (See where I'm going with this?)

Not to be outdone by a bunch of birders, DXers can now compete in the **DX Marathon** which starts every year on January 1. The objective is to work as many countries

and CQ Zones as you can in each calendar year, regardless of the band or mode. Each country and zone counts only once, so competitors concentrate on working new ones rather than working the same ones on multiple bands or modes.

As an aside, there's one more competitive activity that resembles competitive birding and competitive DXing: competitive traveling.

The Guinness Book of Records tells us that Kashi Samaddar dodged bullets and bombs in some of the world's more unstable countries while spending £350,000 to visit every country on earth in the shortest time possible. He began his journey to 194 countries with a visit to Holland in July 2002 and finished his mission in Kosovo in May 2008.

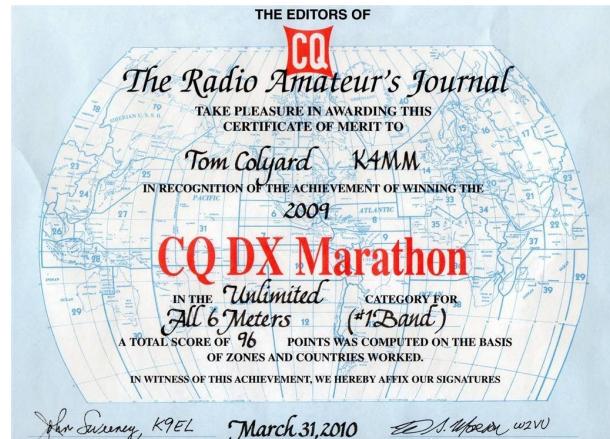
According to Guinness World Records, any person attempting to break the trip record must take public transport (scheduled flights, buses, trains and ferries) to arrive in countries. The record-keeping authority also defines visiting a country as "setting foot within its border". The Record book doesn't mention if you have to say "59" or

"599" to receive credit nor does it say whether accreditation by the DXCC desk is required.

This is a sport I first learned about as a kid when a competitive traveler to South Korea decided to increase his total by one by climbing under the table where the Korean War Armistice was signed in Panmunjom. The Armistice signing table straddles the P5/HL border as shown in the picture. The fedora-hatted traveler is sitting with his right side in HL and his left in P5. So adding P5 to your visit list appears to have gotten easier over the years.



Of the three events mentioned, I continue to vote in favor of the DX-inspired competition. To compete, you never even have to leave the ham shack. Bring it on!



Late November and December 2011 DX Contests				
Contest	Start Date	Start Time	End Date	End Time
CQ WW DX Contest - CW	26-Nov	0000Z	27-Nov	2400Z
ARRL 10 Meter Contest	10-Dec	0000Z	11-Dec	2359Z
Stew Perry Topband Challenge	17-Dec	1500Z	18-Dec	1500Z



Some days you chase the DX and some days . . .



DX Is!!

Santa, if I promise to be VERY GOOD, can you bring me one of these for Christmas? (Radio Arcala 3 elements on 160 Meters)

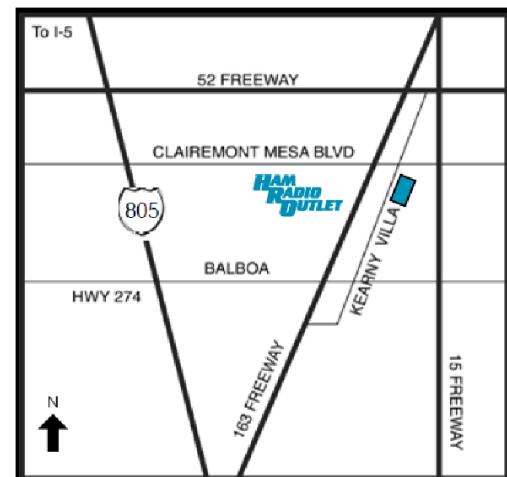
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Please join us for the induction ceremony of our fourth all-time Hall of Fame recipient, Harry Hodges, W6YOO. We will recount Harry's long career as a U.S. Army man, family man, and top notch DX'er.

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